REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending prior to the present amendment.

Claim 1 has been amended.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is provided in, at least, Fig. 1 and paragraph [00027].

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102

Applicant sincerely appreciates the Examiners courtesy during a telephonic interview on August 23, 2004. The comments and suggestions have been taken into consideration in the amended claims.

The claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Letter.

The rejection is rendered moot by amendment.

Letter fails to recite the invention as set forth in claim 1 due to, at least, a failure to recite a motor directly attached to the base.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Letter in view of Yamada.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Letter in view of Cartier.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Letter in view of Knox Jr.

The rejections are rendered moot by amendment. Letter fails to recite, at least, a motor mounted directly to the base. None of Yamada, Cartier or Knox Jr. mitigate the deficiencies of Letter.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. All claims are in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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